

October 28, 2004

Ref: 2794-22443

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
10200' Zone, Reservoir A
Franklin Field
St. Mary Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Hilcorp Energy Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Hilcorp Energy Company** the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 10200' Zone, Reservoir A in the Franklin Field of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 82 acres for the 10200' Zone, Reservoir A designated as the 10200' RA SUA, Franklin Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 10200' Zone, Reservoir A in Franklin Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 10,182' feet and 10,590 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Southern Natural Gas Company, Inc.-Frank Ficarotto No. 1 Well, located in Section 37, Township 15 South, Range 9 East, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

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In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on October 27, 2004. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Art Christy of W. H. Robbins & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 10200' Zone, Reservoir A, Franklin Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. W. H. Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 LaRue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments
cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

